

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: )  
Masahiko TANAKA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1734  
Application No.: 09/862,458 ) Examiner: K. Moore  
Filed: May 23, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 7476  
For: THIN-FILM DISPOSITION APPARATUS )

**SECOND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

A fee in the amount of ~~\$180.00~~ (126) is enclosed in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Copies of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 were previously submitted in copending Patent No. 6,245,396 issued June 12, 2001; Application No. 10/043,190 filed January 14, 2002; Application No. 09/863,338 filed May 24, 2001; and Application No. 09/435,625 filed November 8, 1999 (abandoned).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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- ☐ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
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- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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